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deaths for seven years. It is also interesting to observe that before the days of systematic vaccination in the Philippine Islands there were approximately 40,000 deaths per year from smallpox. As effectual vaccination was carried out the disease disappeared province by province.

It is apparent, therefore, that the foregoing information makes concrete proof of the value and desirability of vaccination when it is effectually applied. * * *

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Deaths caused by smallpox in the city of Manila.

[Transients and residents included.]

Year.	Age group.												Total.
	30 days.	30 days to 1 year.	1-2 years.	3-4 years.	5-9 years.	10-14 years.	15-19 years.	20-29 years.	30-39 years.	40-49 years.	50 years and over.	Un-known.	
1904.....		3	10		1		3	10		1		1	29
1905.....			1				1						2
1906.....		2	1				2						5
1907.....	1												1
1908.....		16	58		20	3	9	9	5	1	1		122
1909.....		4	11		1		2	5	2				25
1910.....													0
1911.....													0
1912.....													0
1913.....													0
1914.....													0
1915.....													0
1916.....										1			1
1917.....		1	1										2
1918.....	3	193	193	335	148	23	40	44	5	2	2		989
1919.....	2	10	6	13	9	1	4	7	3				55
1920.....		1	3					1					5
1921.....													0

DEATH RATES IN A GROUP OF INSURED PERSONS.

COMPARISON OF DEATH RATES FOR PRINCIPAL CAUSES, JUNE AND JULY, 1922.

The accompanying table is taken from the Statistical Bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for August, 1922, and presents the mortality experience of the industrial department of the company for June and July, 1922, and July and year, 1921. The figures are based on a strength of approximately 14,000,000 insured persons.

It is stated that the death rate for July, 1922 (7.6 per 1,000), equals that for August, 1919, the lowest rate ever recorded for this group of persons. This represents a drop of 16.3 per cent from the rate for June, 1922, and of 4 per cent from that for July, 1921. It is stated that despite the influenza flurry in the early part of this year, the cumulative death rate is only 3 per cent in excess of that for the first seven months of 1921.

Death rates (annual basis) for principal causes per 100,000 lives exposed, June and July, 1922, and July and year, 1921.

[Industrial department, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.]

Cause of death.	Death rate per 100,000 lives exposed.			
	July, 1922.	June, 1922.	July, 1921.	Year 1921.
Total, all causes.....	756.9	904.7	788.3	870.6
Typhoid fever.....	6.8	5.2	7.4	6.7
Measles.....	3.3	7.6	3.0	3.2
Scarlet fever.....	2.3	2.4	4.7	7.0
Whooping cough.....	2.1	2.1	3.6	3.9
Diphtheria.....	10.4	11.1	13.3	23.8
Influenza.....	3.9	10.1	2.6	8.7
Tuberculosis (all forms).....	105.4	133.7	109.0	117.4
Tuberculosis of respiratory system.....	95.0	119.5	97.4	105.6
Cancer.....	64.1	72.5	69.8	71.7
Cerebral hemorrhage.....	49.0	62.8	52.4	62.1
Organic diseases of heart.....	100.0	126.9	101.3	117.4
Pneumonia (all forms).....	29.3	52.1	28.9	67.8
Other respiratory diseases.....	10.7	11.4	9.0	14.1
Diarrhea and enteritis.....	14.1	11.9	21.3	14.2
Bright's disease (chronic nephritis).....	59.9	73.4	59.9	68.0
Puerperal state.....	15.2	20.6	16.8	19.8
Suicides.....	7.0	8.6	7.0	7.6
Homicides.....	5.6	5.7	6.4	6.7
Other external causes (excluding suicides and homicides).....	68.8	63.3	77.2	57.6
Traumatism by automobile.....	14.2	13.7	10.7	12.2
All other causes.....	199.1	223.3	194.5	192.9

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

To Be Held at Cleveland, Ohio, October 16-19, 1922.

Announcement has been made that the fifty-first annual meeting of the American Public Health Association will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, October 16-19, 1922.

The following sections will conduct programs: Public health administration, laboratory, vital statistics, sanitary engineering, industrial hygiene, food and drugs, and child hygiene. There will also be special programs on public health publicity and education, and public health nursing.

An interesting part of the general sessions of the program will consist of the presentation of a summary and conclusions from a survey of 85 city health departments, conducted by a committee under the chairmanship of Prof. C.-E. A. Winslow. Another important feature will be a symposium on the subject, "How can we safeguard public health from political interference?"

Reduced railroad rates have been granted to members of the association.

Further information may be obtained from the secretary of the association, 370 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 9, 1922.

Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended September 9, 1922, and corresponding week 1921. (From the Weekly Health Index, September 13, 1922, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)

	Week ended Sept. 9, 1922.	Corresponding week 1921.
Policies in force.....	49, 933, 345	47, 554, 690
Number of death claims.....	6, 662	6, 710
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate.....	7.0	7.4